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Former Cuban Diplomat Sees Action By OAS on Venezuela's Charges

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A former Cuban diplomat and onetime president of the United Nations Security Council said Wednesday he believes the Organization of American States will meet before the end of the month to deal with Venezuela's charges of aggression against Cuba.

And, added Dr. Emilion Nunez Portuondo, "we believe it is impossible that they (the OAS) will fail to apply sanctions against the Havana regime."

The type of sanctions, he told a gathering of Cuban exile businessmen, is immaterial and that "everything else will come as a consequence" meaning the freedom of Cuba.

Dr. Nunez Portuondo was chief Cuban delegate to the UN before Castro came to power and had served twice as Security Council president.

He said he had witnessed a "favorable change" in the atmosphere of Washington for the "liberation of Cuba."

"There are details and more details totaled together that lead us to the conclusion that right now in Washington the atmosphere is more favorable than five months or five years ago," the former diplomat said.

Dr. Nunez
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Nunez Portuondo said he believed the Kennedy administration, after the Bay of Pigs and even more so after the 1962 missile crisis had been inclined toward a policy of trying to get along with Castro.

"With the same sincerity, I do not believe that President Johnson thinks in the same way and least of all Thomas Mann (undersecretary of state for Latin American affairs," Nunez Portuondo declared.

"Thomas Mann knows very well Latin America and the dangers international communism represent for that part of the world."

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